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MINUTES.

BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHRIST, AT ZION HILL, }
AMITE COUNTY, MISS., Oct. 13, 1877. }

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION met with Zion Hill Church according to adjournment. Introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. W. Bolls, from John III. 6: "That which is born of spirit is spirit." The speaker dwelt upon the "commencing and carrying on the work of salvation by the Holy Spirit."

After an intermission for refreshments, the delegates and congregation assembled in the house, and after singing and prayer, Eld. S. Buffkin, the Moderator, called the Association to order.

The former Clerk being absent, Bro. R. J. McNeil was oppointed Clerk, pro tem. Elds. W. W. Bolls and Jas. Newman were appointed Reading Clerks, and Bro. J. A. Bolls, requested to assist the Clerk in enrolling names of the delegates.

Letters from the churches were called for, and delegates from their respective churches duly enrolled; after which, the Association went into election of officers, which resulted in the election of Eld. W. W. Bolls, Moderator; J. A. Bolls, Clerk; J. R. Sample, Treasurer.

The Moderator expressed gratitude to the Association for confidence, read the Rules of Decorum, and after prayer by brother Sample, declared the Association ready for business.

A letter was received from Mars Hill Church, asking for membership, and on motion was received and Bro. J. A. Jenkins enrolled as her delegate.

Visiting brethren were invited to seats with us, and to aid in our deliberations.

Correspondence from different Associations was postponed until Monday.

On motion the Moderator proceeded to appoint the following committees:

On Religious Exercises—Bros. H. S. Anderson, G. M. Cain and Deacons of Zion Hill Church.

On Order of Business—Bros. Jas. Newman, T. J. Scott, T. J. Cole.

On Obituaries—J. R. Sample, Stephen Jackson, R. J. McNeil, C. H. Otkin.

On Nominations—E. B. Seale, J. P. Jones, S. E. McDonald.

On Home Missions—Eld. S. Buffkin, E. B. Seale, J. A. Jenkins, J. R. Sample.

On Ministerial Education—Elds. C. H. Otkin, Jas. Newman, W. H. Robert, R. J. McNeil and Bro. J. R. Sample.

On motion was added to the list, a *Committee on Education* in connection with Denomination in South Mississippi and East Louisiana. Committee—S. Buffkin, W. H. Robert, R. S. McLain, and on motion, Moderator added.

On Sabbath Schools—W. H. Robert, J. P. Hemby, H. S. Anderson, Stephen Jackson, W. M. Dunn.

On motion, Committee on Religious Exercises made their report, which was as follows: Appointed Eld. S. Buffkin to preach tomorrow (Sabbath) at eleven o'clock; and Eld. C. H. Otkin to preach at two in the evening; all of which, adopted.

On Publications—R. S. McLain, H. S. Anderson, G. M. Cain, T. J. Scott.

On Finance—S. E. McDonald, S. H. Thompson, G. W. Causey.

On motion a committee on "*Systematic Benevolence*" was appointed of Bros. C. H. Otkin, Stephen Jackson, R. S. McLain.

On motion the following brethren from sister Associations were received as Messengers and welcomed to seats with us:

E. Overacham, from Mississippi River Association.

E. A. Crawford and T. J. Everett from Bogue Chitto Association.

W. A. H. Dielman, from Union Association.

On motion the following brethren were excused from further attendance: W. H. Bates, E. P. Jones, W. S. P. Claughton.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock, Monday morning.

Closing prayer by Eld. W. H. Robert.

SABBATH EXERCISES, OCTOBER 14.

Sabbath exercises were commenced by a prayer meeting, with Eld. W. H. Robert conducting; after which Eld. Buffkin interested a large audience, by a discourse from 74th Psalm, 22d verse Eld. Bolls offering prayer.

After an ample repast the congregation collected to hear Bro Otkin, who delivered an able sermon, making "Faith" a special theme. A collection was taken up for Missions, and $9.63 collected. Opening prayer by R. J. McNeil, closing by J. P. Hemby.

9 O'CLOCK MONDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 15.

Association met persuant to adjournment. Called to order by the Moderator; opening prayer by Eld. Thompson. Minutes of Saturday's proceedings read and corrected.

The Moderator appointed a Committee on Correspondence, of R. D. J. Smith, E. Coward, E. Young.

A letter was read from Bogue Chitto Association.

Committee on Religious Exercises reported Bro. B. A. Crawford to preach this morning at 11 o'clock, and Eld. W. H. Robert in the afternoon, which was adopted.

Committee on Order of Business made a report, adopted as follows:

1. Reading and adoption of minutes of previous days meeting.
2. Call for petitionary letters.
3. Call for correspondence.
4. Appointment of Messengers to corresponding bodies.
5. Reports of Committees.
6. New business.
7. Reading and adoption of minutes of last day's proceedings.
8. Adjournment.

On motion, Bro. Elijah Young was received as a delegate from his church, (Providence), on his statement.

The following brethren were appointed as Messengers to sister Associations:

Bogue Chitto—B. H. Jenkins, C. H. Otkin, J. A. Jenkins, J. R. Sample.

Fair River—E. Young, S. Buffkin, E. B. Seale, Jas. Newman.

Mississippi River—Jas. Newman, T. J. Cole, C. H. Otkin, Hampton Lea, W. H. Robert, and on motion, Moderator was added.

Union—S. Buffkin, T. P. Steward, J. P. Hemby, and on motion Moderator added.

East Louisiana—Jas. Newman, R. D. J. Smith, W. N. Jones, J. A. Bolls.

Pearl River—Jas. A. Jenkins, T. J. Cole, G. M. Cain, E. Young.

State Convention—Jas. Newman, W. H. Robert, T. J. Scott, T. J. Cole, H. S. Anderson, E. B. Seale, G. M. Cain, S. H. Thompson, S. E. McDonald, W. R. Jones, S. Jackson, J. P. Jones, J. P. Hemby, T. P. Stewart, W. F. Love, H. G. Quin, J. R. Sample, S. B. Day, Jas. A. Jenkins, E. B. McLain, R. S. McLain, J. A. Bolls, S. S. Montgomery, John F. Porter.

Reports of the following Committees were made and adopted:

On Sabbath-schools. (See Appendix E.)

Report of Treasurer read, and on motion referred to Finance Committee. (See Appendix G.)

On Ministerial Education. (See Appendix C.)

On Systematic Benevolence. (See Appendix H.)

On motion Association adjourned to hear Bro. Crawford preach, who edified his audience from the text "Salvation is of the Lord."

Report on Home Missions read, and during discussion Association adjourned for dinner.

2 o'CLOCK, P. M.

Association opened with prayer by the Moderator.

Report on Home Missions adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report of Executive Board read and adopted. (See AppendixJ.)

On Publications. Adopted. (See Appendix F.)

On Correspondence. Adopted. (See Appendix I.)

On Education in connection with our Denomination in South Mississippi and East Louisiana. Adopted. (See Appendix D.)

On motion, Bro. Robert was excused from preaching.

Report on Nominations adopted. (See Appendix A.)

On motion, Committee on Obituaries were excused from a report and this erased from the list of committees.

Report Committee on Finance adopted. (See Appendix G.)

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to call on H. H. Ratcliff for minutes containing the obituary of Eld. Z. Reeves, and that he send them out promiscuously to be read.

On motion, the remainder of Mission funds, (20.35) now in the Treasurer's hands, were divided among Bros. Thompson, Robert and McNeil.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That the amendment recommended by the Committee on Missions, (Appendix B.) be referred to the churches, (which is in compliance with the Rules of Decorum) recommending that they adopt it; and in their church letters to this body, at its next meeting, inform the Association of their action, and that the delegates now present be earnestly requested to bring the subject before their respective churches, so that they may act upon it before the next meeting of this body.

Resolved, 2. That we appoint a Committee on the Rules of Decorum and Powers of the Association, to report at our next meeting. Committee appointed—C. H. Otkin, S. Buffkin, Jas. Newman.

Resolved, 3. That the thanks of this body be returned to the brethren of Zion Hill, and friends in the community, for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the Association.

Resolved, 4. That the thanks of the Association are due to the Moderator and Clerk for their faithful discharge of the arduous duties imposed upon them.

Resolved, 5. That the funds for Missions in the hands of our Treasurer be held subject to the Board.

Resolved, 6. That the churches of this Association be requested to send all moneys, which they may have, or may raise, due the Association now, according to resolutions, to the Treasurer

Moved and seconded that the Clerk have the Minutes published by the SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Moved and seconded that the circular of Lea Female College be placed in the minutes.

On motion, the Clerk was paid twenty dollars for his services in preparing minutes for the press.

On motion the Clerk was authorized to condense the minutes as much as possible, without interfering with the subject matter of the Association.

On motion, the Association went into the election of a place for its next annual meeting, which resulted in the choice of New Hope Church, Franklin Co.

On motion adjourned to meet with New Hope Church, on Saturday before the 2nd Lord's day, in October, A. D. 1878.

W. W. BOLLS, Moderator.

J. A. BOLLS, Clerk.

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX E.

SABBATH-SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath-schools beg leave to submit the following report: The original idea of a Sunday-school was suggested to the mind of Robert Raikes by witnessing the moral degradation and ignorance which pervaded the lower classes of people in one of the towns of England. He was a philanthropist, a man of heart and soul, and when this subject attracted his attention, he was told, that could he only be there on a Sabbath-day, he would see much more to excite his surprise. He at once conceived the idea of forming a school in that place in which he employed salaried teachers to instruct the poor and neglected children in the common rudiments of education, and to impress upon their minds the important truths of the Bible, for time or for heaven, each Sabbath-day. These two ideas, which are germain to the work of Sabbath-schools as originally established, having in so many instances been lost in the attempts to popularize the Sabbath school movements of the day. We would urge upon our

people to consider, whether they do not need to be roused up in every direction, to the importance of Bible schools, on Sunday from place to place to teach the people who are ignorant, such lessons as they need; and to inculcate upon the minds of all, the moralities of the Gospel. The direction of Moses may be urged now, gather the people together "men, women and children, and strangers within thy gates" that they may learn the words of this law. We should not wait for crowds, but all men, all *women*, should feel it not only a duty, but a great privilege, that they can enter this vast field of missionary work, now held up to our view. They should on the Sabbath day, at least, work for the Master, and try to turn some souls to Jesus. In every community you can find the material, try and mold it to the service of God.

"If among the older people
You may not be apt to teach,
'Feed my lambs,' said Christ the shepherd,
Place the food within their reach;
And it may be that the children,
You have led with trembling hand,
Will be found among your jewels
When you reach that better land."

This, which is the beginning of true missionary work, is attracting the attention of those at a distance, and should we not at once enter in and enjoy the privilege of doing our Master's work? We shall be found recreant to our duty; and in many instances will, when it is too late, wake up to the idea that others have come into our fields to sow; and that while we slept, tares and thistles have been sown which produce crops of trouble for our happy land.

W. H. ROBERT, Chairman.

APPENDIX C.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Ministerial Education would report: The subject is ever worthy the earnest consideration of the churches. Its necessity to eminent usefulness in the work of the Ministry, none can doubt. We endorse all endeavors to prepare those whom God has called. We believe that our young brethren at Mississippi College should be sustained; that this should be done upon an economical basis. We further believe that this can be done at a small expense to the churches. This work belongs to the churches. It is their duty to aid the Lord's called for the work of the Gospel. We commend these sentiments to the churches.

CHAS. H. OTKIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX H.

SYSTEMATIC BENEVOLENCE.

Your Committee would report as follows on Systematic Benevolence: We are certain that the apostolic injunction "to do all things decently and in order" should be carefully and strictly ob-

served by the churches. In conformity to this, we suggest that the churches take up quarterly collections for the purpose of sustaining the great benevolent objects of our Denomination.

We recommend that the first collection be for Home Missions; the second for Foreign Missions; the third for General Benevolence; the fourth for Local Benevolence The last will constitute a fund out of which to pay for Minutes, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. H. OTKIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

HOME MISSIONS.

Your Committee would report: That just now there is no Missionary work being done within the bounds of this Association; at least, there is no Missionary at this time in the employment of the Association. But we are proud to say that some of our churches are manifesting an interest in this work, which was forcibly exemplified on Saturday by the mention in their letters of contributions sent by their delegates for Home Missions. We believe it is the duty of the Association to adopt some systematic plan by which funds can be raised from each church composing this Association, for this work, and we know of no plan by which this can be done, successfully save some plan that will induce the churches composing this body, to send by their delegates annually a contribution for Home Missions. This done, and the Gospel will be preached to the destitute, churches will be built up, and the time will soon come when there will be no Missionary ground within our bound.

S. BUFFKIN, Chairman.

For this great end the Association referred the following to the churches for adoption: (See 1st Resolution.)

That "Article II of the Rules of Decorum" be so amended as to read as follows: "2nd. The delegates so chosen shall produce a contribution for Missions from their respective churches, and letters certifying their appointments, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letters, restored, dismissed, excommunicated, and dead since the last Association."

Recommended by Committee on Home Missions to the Association.

S. BUFFKIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX J.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Executive Board of the Mississippi Baptist Association would respectfullly submit the following report:

The Board met and organized on the 8th of January by electing Bro. M. Jackson, President, and W. Z. Lea, Secretary.

After discussing the resolutions adopted by the Association for

the government and regulation of Missionary work, the Board found that it could take no steps to do Missionary work without being in conflict with the plan adopted by the Association.

Your Board is alive to the great Missionary work before the Association, and is extremely anxious to see laborers placed in the Master's vineyard. If the churches composing this Association will deposit money in the treasury annually, it will remove all obstacles in our way, and great good will be done.

M. JACKSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX G.

FINANCES.

Report of Committee:

Your Committee on Finance would submit the following report:

Received from churches for Associational purposes.....	$77 15
Received from churches for Home Missions.....	48 72
Collected on Sabbath " "	9 63
Total.....	$135 50

S. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. R. Sample, Treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Association, charges and credits himself as follows:

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1876.	To amount on hand last report Home Mis. Fund,	$ 7 56	
Oct. 9,	To amount paid over for Home Mission Fund,.....	20 35	
"	" " " " Association Fund.....	82 35	
" 11	By amount paid C. C. Nauck, Clerk.....		$ 20 00
Dec. 4,	" " for publication of Minutes, etc.....		56 18
"	" now on hand for Association Fund.....		6 17
"	" " " " Home Mission Fund,		27 91
		$110 26	$110 26
Oct. 13, 1877,	Total amount on hand.....	$34 08	

J. R. SAMPLE, Treasurer.

Your Committee would also report that we have examined Bro. Sample's Report as Treasurer, and find the same correct.

All of which is submitted. S. H. THOMPSON, Chairman.

APPENDIX F.

PUBLICATIONS.

Your Committee on Publications beg leave to submit the following: Believing the "Mississippi Baptist Record" to be a disseminator of truth, and orthodox in doctrine, and our State organ, we heartily recommend it to our brethren as worthy of not only their support but their earnest efforts for its success; and that each brother should feel it his duty to labor for its more general circulation. And we would like to make favorable mention of "The Baptist," published at Memphis, Tenn., which

has been in circulation in our midst for thirty years or more, as an able defender of Bible truth. And "Kind Words," in the opinion of your Committee is worthy of the patronage and support of our Sabbath-schools. We would also recommend the SOUTHERN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY, located at Memphis, in its financial distress, which is appealing to us to come to its rescue, it being worthy of our hearty aid and patronage.

Respectfully submitted,

R. S. McLAIN, Chairman.

APPENDIX I.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Your Committee would beg leave to submit the following:

The Mississippi Baptist Association to sister Associations in correspondence with her, sendeth Christian salutation, and represent that under the guidance of Providence we have met with the Church at Zion Hill, Oct. 13th, 1877, and that the general business has been promptly discharged with concord and harmony. The represetation from the different churches by letter and delegation has been quite full, and represent the condition of all the churches as not being so prosperous as could be desired. The Sabbath-school interest, we regret to state, is in a languishing condition; also, we have done but little for the cause of Missions. We are in great need of more religious zeal, and attribute our luke-warm condition to the want of a proper spirit of prayer and religious devotion. We are gratified to meet with you by Messengers and to receive your Messengers to this body.

R. D. J. SMITH, Chairman.

APPENDIX B.

Your Committee on Education in connection with our denomination in South Miss., and East La., beg leave to report that we deem this a matter of so much importance that it will not do to pass it over lightly. The education of our children should be paramount to everything else, save the conversion of their souls to God. The laying up of money to be given them can be scattered and lost, but when it is expended on a liberal education, that cannot be lost, it better fits them for the arduous duties of life. Denominational Education is too much neglected. Baptists too often send their children to other than their own schools, when their children could be as well trained, and in many instances far better. We rejoice at the prospects of having a female school at our doors, and would call special attention to the Lea Female College, located at Summit. We believe Summit the right place for it, and Bro. Otkin the man to preside over it. His long experience as a teacher, and his successful management of the Peabody School, fit him for the position of principal. We believe it suited

to the wants of the Baptists in South Miss., and East La. Therefore—

Resolved, That this Association appoint five trustees who, with the trustees appointed by the Bogue Chitto Association and the Summit Baptist Church, shall take charge of the property and render such services usual for such bodies.

Resolved, 2. That we cordially recommend the College to the Baptists of this Association for their patronage.

Submitted, W. W, Bolls, Chairman.

APPENDIX A.

NOMINATIONS.

Your Committee would report as follows: Executive Board—M. Jackson, Providence; W. Z. Lea, Liberty; E. B. McLain, Galilee; H. S. Anderson, Mount Zion; T. J. Cole, East Fork; J. R. Sample, Summit. Introductory Sermon, Rev. C. H. Otkin, S. Buffkin alternate. E. B. Seale, Chairman.

REMARKS.

By carefully perusing the letters, we find that the churches, in many instances, are alive to their duty, while many lament their cold and sleeping condition in the cause of our blessed Lord. Some churches report Sabbath schools and prayer-meetings, while others are destitute of either; some rejoice at revivals and new supplies of grace, others are groaning under the pall of a lukewarm religion; and to report upon the whole, while we have reason to thank God for the remaining spark of Christian zeal in our land, we have reason to weep over the languishing condition of Zion, and the general condition of our country; corruption is in our midst, and "wickedness stalketh abroad." Satan seems to be building stronger, every day, his bulwarks, and adding new lustre to temptations that beset the Christian's pathway; and how are we to overcome these, but by the earnest prayers and co-operation of God's people? And, dear brethren, during this Associational year, let us be more earnest in the cause of our Master—let us try Him and "see if He will not open the windows of Heaven and pour us out a blessing." Let us be *workers* in this the bivouac of Christian life.

J. A. Bolls, Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH, RULES, ETC.,

—OF THE—

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

1. We believe in one only true and living God; and that there are a trinity of persons in the Godhead—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, are of divine authority, and the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam; in the imputation of his sins to all his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature; and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe in the everlasting love of God to his people; in the eternal, unconditional election of a definite number of the human family to grace and glory.

5. We believe that sinners are only justified in the sight of God, by imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ, which is unto all and upon all them that believe.

6. We believe all those who were chosen in Christ before the foundation of the world are, in time, effectually called, regenerated, converted and sanctified; and are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

7. We believe there is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction which he made to law and justice, "in becoming an offering for sin," hath, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.

8. We believe good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification; are evidences of a gracious state, and that it is the duty of all believers to perform them from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

ON GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that that visible church of Jesus Christ is a congregation of faithful persons, who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to one another, and have covenanted to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the gospel.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church, the only law giver; that the government is with the body—the church—and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel Ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church.

4. We believe that baptism by immersion is the only scriptural mode, and that believers are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regular baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe it to be the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to baptism, by immersion, and to give themselves members of the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every organized church to expel from her communion all disorderly members who are immoral in their lives, or hold doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. Those delegates who are regularly chosen by the churches in our union shall compose the Association.

2. The delegates so chosen shall produce letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment, together with their number in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and dead since the last Association.

3. The delegates thus chosen and convened shall be denominated the "Mississippi Baptist Association."

4. This Association shall have a Moderator and Clerk, who shall be chosen by the members present.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the union, they shall petition by letter and delegates; if, on examination, found orthodox and orderly, they shall be received by the Association, manifested by the Moderator giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship.

6. No church in the union shall have a right to more than two delegates, until she shall have a right to an additional delegate for every fifty.

7. Every query sent to the Association by any church in the union, shall be read and put to vote by the Moderator, whether it shall be debated, and if there be a majority for it, it shall be taken up and investigated; provided, always that those be first considered which effect the union of the churches.

8. Every motion made and seconded shall be taken up by the Association, except it be withdrawn by the person who made it.

9. Only one person shall speak at once, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

10. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted, except he depart from the subject, break the rules of decorum, or cast reflection on a brother, in which case he shall be immediately called to order by the Moderator.

11. No person shall speak more than twice upon the same subject without leave of the Association.

12. No brother shall be suffered to whisper or laugh during the conference; neither shall he absent himself without leave of the Moderator.

13. The Moderator shall have the liberty of speaking on any question that may be debated, provided the chair may be previously filled, and have the privilege of voting only when the Association is equally divided.

14. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as often as the Association may deem expedient.

15. We think it absolutely necessary to have an Association fund for defraying the expenses of the same; for the raising and supporting of which, we think it the duty of each church in the union to contribute such sums as they may deem proper, and send by the hands of their delegates to the Association; and the money thus contributed by the churches shall be deposited in the hands of a Treasurer, by the Association, who shall be accountable to the Association for all moneys by him received and paid out, according to the direction of the same.

16. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.

17. These Rules of Decorum and Gospel Order may be altered, changed or amended, from time to time, or any part of them, when a majority of all the churches in the Association shall deem it necessary, but the Articles of Faith shall not be subject to any alteration, only as respects form.

POWER OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. It shall be the the business of this Association to provide for the union of the churches.

2. To keep up a friendly correspondence, when convenient, with those Associations of the same faith and order.

3. This Association shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor infringe upon any of the internal rights of the churches.

4. It shall be the duty of this Association to give the churches the best advice in its power in difficult matters; to inquire into any difficulties which may exist between sister churches and remove them if possible.

5. To admit any of the brethren in the ministry as assistants, but not to give them the privilege of voting.

6. This Association shall have power to withdraw from any church in the union which may be unsound in principle or immoral in practice, until reclaimed.

7. To appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business which the Association may deem necessary.

8. The Association shall have power to adjourn to any time or placethey may think most proper.

9. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

LEA FEMALE COLLEGE, SUMMIT, MISSISSIPPI,

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FACULTY:

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Miss Mollie Clark, M. E. L., Miss Ella L. Lea.

GERMAN.

Prof. Paul Fredrich.

FRENCH.

Miss Z. S. Forniquet.

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Miss Ida B. Matthews.

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Mrs. M. H. Jones.

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Dr. J. R. Sample,	"	D. C. Walker,	"

Rev. B. A. Crawford, Summit.

PERMANENCY OF THE COLLEGE.

This is assured by the condition upon which donations were secured. The property will be owned by the Board of Trustees, whose perpetuity is provided for. It is not owned by a stock company, nor is it individual property.

PRESENT BUILDING.

This is ample. It is 63 feet in length and 36 in width—two stories high. The whole is renovated and painted. The building stands within the centre of a square of ground surrounded by stately trees. Forty pupils can be comfortably accommodated in the building.

APPARATUS AND APPLIANCES.

These will be provided to meet present wants. Whatever is needed will be secured, and everything will be done to make this Institution worthy of patronage.

LIBRARY AND READING-ROOM.

Efforts will be made at once to establish a Library. The best and choicest Literature will be secured. It is the earnest desire of the President to cultivate a taste for reading, and so to direct it, that the highest good may be achieved. Thus will be furnished the surest antidote to mental dissipation.

CURRICULUM OF PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT.

PRIMARY DIVISION.

1. Alphabet.
2. Spelling and Reading on Chart.
3. First Reader, Second Reader, Third Reader.
4. Counting, Reading and Writing numbers to 100.
5. Addition, Subtraction, and Multiplication by the use of the numeral frame, slate and black-board.
6. Practice in punctuation marks and capital letters.
7. Printing and drawing on slate and black-board.
8. Spelling in spelling books.
9. Practice in sounds of vowels and equivalents.
10. Primary Arithmetic.
11. Primary Geography.
12. Geography of Mississippi.
13. Special attention in inflection and distinct articulation.
14. Practice in penmanship.
15. Original compositions with particular attention to punctuation marks, capitals and four kinds of sentences.
16. Object lessons in forms and colors, etc.
17. Attention to morals and manners.

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION.

1. Fourth Reader and Fifth Reader.
2. Attention given to inflections and emphasis.
3. Written Arithmetic, four fundamental rules through practice.
4. Practical Arithmetic, to percentage.
5. Descriptive Geography with lessons in map drawing.
6. Book of Nature and first lessons in Botany.
7. Introductory Grammar.
8. Practical Grammar through Etemology. with daily Etemology parsing.
9. Penmanship. Special attention to the elements of Letters.
10. Original Compositions—Letter writing.
11. United States History.
12. Analysis of words,
13. Primary Philosophy.
14. Frequent practice in Mental Arithmetic.
15. Oral lessons in Physiology.
16. Morals and manners—oral lessons.

CURRICULUM OF COLLEGIATE DEPARTMENT.

CLASSICAL COURSE.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

Arithmetic, beginning at per centage.
English Grammar—Syntax.
Physical Geography.
Latin Grammar and Exercises.
Algebra commenced.
Botany.
Book-keeping—optional.

SOPHOMORE YEAR.

Rhetoric,
Latin—Cæsar and Virgil.
Algebra, completed.
Geometry.
Book-keeping—optional.
Natural philosophy.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Rhetoric.
Latin, Cicero's Select Orations and Horace.
Trigonometry, plane and sperical.
Surveying and Navigation.
Astronomy.
Chemistry.
Physiology.

SENIOR YEAR.

Logic.
Mental Philosophy.
History of Civilization.
Geology, Zoology & Mineralogy.
English Literature.

The course of studies presented in the three departments will in the main be followed during the present scholastic year. A few changes may be necessary.

SCIENTIFIC COURSE.

FRESHMAN YEAR.

Arithmetic, beginning at per-centage.
English Grammar—Syntax.
Physical Geography. 5 months.
Algebra commenced.
Analysis of the English Language—Green.
Botany. 5 months.
Book-keeping—optional.
Natural Philosophy.

JUNIOR YEAR.

Rhetoric.
Algebra completed.
Geometry commenced.
Study of Words.
Analysis continued.
Physiology.
Astronomy.
Book-keeping—optional.

SENIOR YEAR.

Dogic.
Mental Philosophy. 5 months.
Moral Philosopny. 5 months.
Chemistry.
History of Civilization.
Geology, Zoology and Mineralogy.
Plane Trigonometry and Surveying.
English Literature.

Each Class will be practsced in Elocution and Orignal composition.

CHARGES.

Primary Department, per month	$ 2 50
Intermediate Department, per month	3 50
Collegiate Department, per month	5 00
Incidentals for ten months	1 00
Music, per month	5 00
Modern Languages, per month	2 00
Ornamental Branches, per month, from $2.00 to	5 00
Board, Washing, Lights and fuel, per month	17 00

PAYMENTS.

They must be made at the end of each month. No deduction for absence, except in case of protracted ickness of one month's duration, or a longer time. Pupils charged for the entire month during which they enter. No pupils taken except upon the condition that they remain from the time of entrance to the expiration of the scholastic year.

BOARDERS.

Tuition in English, board, washing, lights, fuel and incidentals, $200. One half of this must be paid at the time of entrance and the other half during the first two weeks in February. All cash at time of entrance, $175.

DAUGHTERS OF CLERGYMEN AND DECEASED MASONS.

The most liberal terms will be offered to them. To help educate them will afford pleasure to the President of the College.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES And Date of Organ'n.	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	COUNTY.	Last Report.	MEMBERSHIP. GAIN. By Baptism.	GAIN. By Letter.	GAIN. By Restoration.	LOSS. By Death.	LOSS. By Letter.	LOSS. By Exclusion.	Total Membership.	Ministers Ordained.	Licentiates.	No. Minutes.	Contribut'n Associa'n	Contr'ns for Missions	Sabbaths of Meeting.	No. Sabbath Schools.	No. S. S. Pupils.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.
Dam Scu[illegible]	John F. Porter, Caseyville, Mississippi	Lincoln	62	6	4	2	...	2	...	71	...	...	15	$3 00	.....	4th	...	...	J F. Porter, Joseph Cupit.
East Fork 181[illegible]	W. M. Thompson, Liberty, "	Amite	164	...	6	...	2	4	5	*160	...	...	40	4 00	.....	2nd	1	...	Jas. Newman, T. J. Cole, W. H Bates.
Ebenezer 1806	W. H. Gundy, Rose Hill, "	"	182	...	1	1	...	10	7	*186	...	...	35	3 00	.....	4th	1	...	W. N. Jones, L. D J. Smith.
Galilee 1824	T. H. Hoff. Centreville, "	"	138	...	2	...	...	...	4	*137	1	...	30	6 00	$15 15	1st	1	...	S. Jackson, R J. McNeil.
Hopewell 1813	D. D. Rollins, Meadville, "	Franklin	85	...	...	...	3	1	...	* 74	...	...	25	5 00	6 00	3rd	1	2	T J. Scott, D. D. Rollins.
Liberty 1838	W. Z. Lea, Liberty, "	Amite	155	6	1	2	...	2	...	*157	1	1	25	3 50	.....	2nd & 3rd	1	65	W. W. Bolls, J A. Bolls, R. S. McLain.
New Hope 1815	J. R. Mullins, Meadville, "	Franklin	122	1	4	...	2	1	3	*106	1	...	25	4 00	.....	1st	1	...	J. R Mullins, T. P. Stewart.
New Providence 1815	M. Jackson, Liberty, "	Amite	82	9	...	1	...	...	3	* 83	1	...	40	5 00	6 75	2nd	1	30	G. W. Causey, S. H. Thompson.
Percy's Creek 1813	W. H. Davis, Woodville, "	Wilkinson	42	...	...	...	1	9	4	* 35	1	...	20	3 00	60	2nd	1	...	W. H. Robert, S. E. McDonald.
Ramah 1825	G. A. Bilbo, Friendship, "	Lincoln	93	...	4	...	...	4	3	* 91	...	...	30	3 00	.....	3rd	...	...	E. Coward.
Serepta 1810	William Mullins, Meadville, "	Franklin	80	...	2	1	2	1	7	* 80	1	1	15	2 15	.....	4th	...	...	.....
Summit 1860	T. L. Cotten, Summit,	Pike	110	8	16	...	2	1	1	*121	2	...	...	5 00	24 05	.....	1	78	C. H. Otkin, J. R Sample.
Union 185[illegible]	W. S. P. Claughton, Morgan's Fork, Miss	Franklin	187	4	9	3	3	8	30	*161	1	1	30	6 00	6 20	4th	1	19	S. Buffkin, E. B. Seale. W. S. P. Claughton.
Mt. Zion 1825	D. B. Cain, McCall's Creek, Mississippi	"	335	1	3	...	1	8	8	319	...	...	75	8 00	7 90	2nd	1	...	H. S. Anderson. J. P Jones, G M Caln, H. I. Weathersby, J. M McGehee, J H. McGehee.
Zion Hill 1811	J. H. Jones, Zion Hill, Mississippi	Amite	157	11	2	1	1	2	2	*162	...	...	40	6 00	5 00	1st	2	...	M. Jones, G. F. Jones D. Whittington.
Pioneer 1858	C. C. Haney, ——— "	Wilkinson	40	6	1	...	...	...	...	47	...	...	25	3 00	.....	3rd	1	25	Isaac Bunch, Nehemiah Carter.
Natches 185[illegible]	———, Natchez, "	Adams	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	90	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Spring Hill 1842	W. Thomas, Knoxville, "	Franklin	16	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Fort Adams 1818	Jas. B. Oliver, Fort Adams, "	Wilkinson	54	1	...	...	1	1	* 52	1	...	10	1 50	.....	3rd	1	...	...	Elijah Young
Providence	E. Young, Meadville, "	Franklin	30	...	...	...	...	...	...	* 40	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	...	.....
Dry Fork Union 1876	D. N. Cavin, Woodville, "	Wilkinson	21	19	3	...	3	...	1	* 40	...	...	20	2 00	.....	1st	1	30	D. N. Cavin, Moses Cavin.
Mars Hill	J. A. Burris, ——— ,	Amite	.....	4	3	...	2	4	...	137	...	...	40	5 00	.....	3rd	...	...	James A. Jenkins.
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* Clerks of churches will please correct these discrepancies in their next report.—J. A. Bolls, Clerk.

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CHURCHES	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES.	COUNTY.		MEMBERSHIP. GAIN.		MEMBERSHIP. LOSS.											

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